

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Heikki Heikkila, et al.

Examiner: Susan Marie Hanley

Serial No.: 10/587,870

Art Unit: 1651

Filed: December 18, 2006

Docket: 17195Z

For: SEPARATION PROCESS

Dated: November 23, 2009

Confirmation No.: 2548

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.143

Sir:

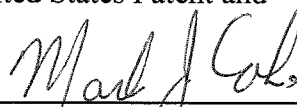
In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2009, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, for prosecution on the merits in this application, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-61), which are drawn to a method for recovering arabinose from a vegetable fiber. Applicants also provisionally elect, with traverse, the following species: the optional step of neutralization to not be performed and the optional step of fractionization to be performed; however, one or more fractions are not enriched in poly-, oligo-, and/or disaccharides (Species A); and the source of the vegetable fiber is from exudate gum, wherein the exudate gum is gum arabic (Species B).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC FILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office via Electronic Filing through the United States Patent and Trademark Office e-business website, on November 23, 2009.

Dated: November 23, 2009



Mark J. Cohen